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TELECON

Mr. Vorontsov/Secretary Kissinger

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V: I have got a piece of good news about the Old European Conference... I got a cable from Gromyko. The phrase about the ~~peaceful~~ peaceful change of border -- he says to tell to you directly that the formula suggested by Mr. Hartman is acceptable to the Soviet Union.

K: Good.

V: The participating states consider their frontiers can be changed by peaceful means and by agreement -- this is acceptable and we would not mind that this phrase will be put in the text of the principles of sovereignty as the Germans have agreed to do.

K: That is my impression. Should we notify the Germans?

V: Since Mr. Hartman told me that is your Compromise language

K: Why don't we notify the Germans and we'll get it to Geneva. We have sent a letter to the General Secretary.

V: To me?

K: Through you to the General Secretary. General Scowcroft has it.

V: I will be waiting for it. Good. Are you flying next week?

K: Wednesday afternoon. I will write the General Secretary next week.

V: Good. I have heard you are making it a European trip as well as the Middle East.

K: I am not sure.

V: I had heard that you were going to stop in West Berlin.

K: I am going to go to West Berlin at some point but not on this trip.

V: You were criticizing a man by the name of Vorontsov by saying he is ~~siding~~ siding with a certain man who is an adversary of yours and ours....

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V: The correspondents contacted me...I told them I don't remember the contents and someone else is informing them of the contents -- not me.

K: The whole thing didn't sound right to me.

V: To me either but they were quoting me -- but I didn't inform them.

K: I appreciate this and I am going to look into it on my side.

VL Good.

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